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### **Councilmember Rose Herrera Welcomes Dogs on Leashes at Lake Cunningham Regional Park**

**SAN JOSE, CA** – Councilmember Rose Herrera will welcome dogs on leashes and their human guardians to Lake Cunningham Regional Park on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Cypress Pavilion 2305 South White Road. The new rule allowing dogs on leashes in the park will be celebrated with a “ribbon cutting” ceremony and gathering of dogs and their people partners.

“Play and healthy living is important to all residents including our dogs,” says Councilmember Rose Herrera, “and now neighbors can enjoy a leisurely afternoon in the park where they can get to know each other while their ‘best friends’ exercise and learn to socialize with other dogs.”

The no dog rule has been in place at Lake Cunningham Regional Park (LCRP) since 1996. Over the last two years, District 8 residents and visitors to Lake Cunningham have requested to allow dogs on leash. The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) was asked to further explore amending the rule by Councilmember Herrera. The rule change allowing dogs on leash became effective March 1, 2012.

Thanks to a very generous donation from DogiPot for a pet station to be installed along the park trail, visitors will have access to biodegradable litter pick up bags to easily clean up after their dogs.

Julie St. Gregory, Animal Care Services and her foster puppy Huey as well as representatives from Aborn Pet Clinic will be on hand at the event to answer pet-related questions.

#### **About Councilmember Rose Herrera**

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. She is the human guardian of a poodle/bichon mix dog named Louis. Councilmember Herrera currently Chairs the

Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member of the Mayor's Gang Task Force, the Santa Clara County Transportation Advisory Board, CalTrain Joint Powers Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the Founder and President of the League of California Cities' Women's Caucus. Councilmember Herrera has been recognized by Silicon Valley Business Journal as a "Women of Influence for 2012." For more information go to: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

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